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A son Thomas Weir survived and it seems others though no names are given.

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Martha Beard, or was it. One reference says it ways Elizabeth married James Mitchel before 1769. For Thomas and Martha Mitchel are given a part of Thomas Beard's estate and again he refers to Thomas Mitchel's mother. At the time Thomas Beard died it looks as if his daughter Jean was single. James Mitchel was the administrator of the estate. From this we take it James must have been quite a business man. Men of this type nearly always know how to look out for their own interests. Here is Jean married and a mother, then a widow and her part of the estate still at Mitchels hands.

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In 1753 Thomas Beard is buying land again. This time it is 605 acres 33 p 5s on Mofetts Creek near John Rosemans. In 1860 the same tract is sold by Thomas to William Beard for 100 pounds (Note that 1753 is the year James McNutt died).

William Pollack's farm adjoined Thomas Beard's in 1765 and John Montgomery's and Thomas Hill's cornered with him. We find Thomas Beard present for Pat Hays at a meeting of the vestry. Pat Hays' farm cornered Robert Alexander's. Hays was probably a son of the David Hays mentioned in 1753 in James McNutt's will.

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He left cleared land to his son Hugh, and Hugh's son Thomas was left 170 acres lying next to John Montgomery and Thomas Hill. Then he left 10 pounds each to the grandsons named Thomas—Thomas Alexander and Thomas Dunlap. To Robert Ramsey's children, testator's grandchildren, 12 pounds and 12 shillings each. A legacy to son William and to daughter Esther Alexander and Martha Mitchell; frequent provision for such issue in case daughter Jane have no issue.

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Thomas and Jean Beard deeded to their son "John, 183 acres of land on Catheys Creek, some times called Jennings Branch," on May 20, 1765. It cornered with David McNaire. This was delivered to John Beard in January, 1769. I just wonder if May 20, 1765, could have been John Beard's twenty-first birthday, as he didn't accept this gift until his marriage, January 16, 1769.

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In 1762-3, John Beard and William McClanahan were partners, making a crop on Locust Creek, "on the Spring Lick or Spring Creek plantation." This might have been in Greenbrier at the old Beard homestead.

The Preston and Virginia Papers, compiled by the University of Wisconsin say that John Beard was a captain under Col. Christian at Point Pleasant. Greenbrier was then embraced in Botetourte County. From the same source, I learn that Samuel Beard furnished beeves for the Cherokee expedition in 1776.

John Beard married Janett Wallace, daughter of Peter Wallace, Jr., and Martha Woods Wallace. She was neice of the distinguished statesman James Woods of Virginia. In hunting out the Wallace kin, I came on the name of George Seldon Wallace as author of "Peter Wallace's Genealogy." I coveted the book, if it was about my own family, but the catalog did not say what place these Wallaces were from. By a strange coincidence, I came upon the name of the author in 'The Times' as a friend of that friendly historian.

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The will book of Rockbridge County record something of these old Wallaces. Andrew Wallace's will was filed July 3, 1781; he was the ancestor of General Lew Wallace. He bequeaths to his sisters Janett and Sannah; his grandson Andrew; mother Martha; brother Adam and brother-in-law, John Gilmer.

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Dr. Archibald Alexander, President of Princeton Theological Seminary, recounts in a diary he kept in early life some interesting happenings of his childhood. He was born on the South Branch in Rockbridge in 1772. His father was William Alexander, eldest son of Captain Archibald Alexander, brother of Robert, of Timber Ridge. He tells of the school room of Revolutionary days. He says his father had erected a cabin down near the creek about a half mile from the house, and the sound of the students studying out loud could be easily heard to the house. This was the custom of that day. If a student was caught in silence he was thrashed with a hickory switch well laid on. This method encouraged each student to shout his lesson out loud while studying so that the teacher could see his diligence.

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It becomes our mournful duty to record the death of a widely-known and much esteemed citizen, John Jordan Beard, Huntersville, West Virginia. This event occurred rather unexpectedly. Monday, 11½ a. m., April 11th, 1898.

Lieut. Beard was the only son of the late Joseph Beard Esq. and Mrs Mattie Beard, near Hillsboro. He was born in Greenbrier County, April 21st, 1835, and was married to Minerva, daughter of James Edmiston, Esq., September 1866. At the time of his death he was within ten days of being 63 years of age. By this event his attached family is bereaved of a kind tender husband and a very affectionate and indulgent father. The community at large honors his memory as that of a good man whose influence has been for intelligence and good morals.

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Early in life he professed piety, and maintained a consistent character as such in the pale of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was loyal and faithful to his community

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He is survived by his wife and two sons, Harry and Fred. Beard.

Being as Lieut. Beard was, a person of ardent social and domestic impulses, as a matter of course

it was not for him to think of the sundering of sweet home ties, yet in his sincere way he assured his loved ones that they should not grieve too much about him, for all was and would be well with him.

A month or so since we had a pleasant interchange of views concerning the 23d Psalm. In this Psalm it appears that nothing but the shadow would touch those following the Lord our Shepherd when it comes to passing through the Valley. Having been a soldier and familiar with scenes in the presence of the enemy, that at such a time down at a prepared foe one of the last things that would be lit

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The heard relationship of the Board of county all descend from Thomas Heard one of the members of the Tom. John Chiles congregation of Appomattox, Virginia. Ray, Clerk was pastor of old Stone Meeting House, back in that colony. In an when the members were so long making history they had no time to record it. These old records were carefully taken down and made readable by Chiles. They are the official, accepted references of the D. A. B.

Thomas Heard left a grand old will giving his several children certain house hold furniture, etc. and his wife Jean remembered substantively where in 1737 to go back to an earlier day in the 17th century. In Rockbridge county there is a record that Thomas Heard administered a last will and testament in 1749. We do not know whether he was a relative or just a trusted friend. There is another record though that to me indicates who Jean Heard was. On August 16, 1738, we find Thomas Heard administrator of another estate. Of this time James McNeill and in this document it says James McNeill paid for land bought by Thomas Heard's wife. He paid 900 cents for Thomas Heard and paid in advance in 1744.

He had paid David Hays debts before his marriage.

He paid Robert Alexander's tuition for schooling James Jr. and Robert McNeill one year in advance 1746.

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In Price's History Cousin William knew there were some daughters, and he says: "They went to Kentucky." A good many of this relationship did go to Tennessee and Kentucky. But at least two of these daughters of Thomas Heard remained in Rockbridge and I think four, viz. Ruth who married Robert Alexander in Pennsylvania. Martha who married Robert Ramsey. Mary who married Dunlap. Jane who married George Weir.

Ruth and her husband, Robert Alexander lived at Beverly Manor, Augusta county, Virginia. Robert Alexander was a graduate of the University of Dublin and Edinburgh. He was born at "Moor Cunningham", Londonderry, Ireland in 1711. A direct descendant of Robert Bruce through thirteen generations. He came to Virginia in 1736, and married Ruth heard about 1739. They had seven well known children. Robert Alexander was made vestry man in 1744. This office constituted an honor and dignity in the early colonies. It was considered a place of honor.

When coming to America a great many men as he and he was obliged to follow the society worship. This constituted some shift to represent the colony. It was said he wrote many of the laws of the colony.

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Robert Alexander and his wife Ruth heard had seven children. William was the oldest. He was killed at a court in June 15, 1700. At that time he was about 40 years old. He died in 1709 in Virginia. Nothing more is known.

Robert Jr. was clerk of Campbell county, Virginia, which office was held by him, his son and grandson for almost 100 years. This office was in his house "Rock Castle." He married Anne daughter of Captain William Archer and left many distinguished descendants both in Virginia and elsewhere.

Another was a physician in New Castle, Del. he married Mary. I saw a written copy recently in "Who is Who" in America. Her Admiral Erasmus H. Rogers of the U. S. Navy was the subject of this sketch. He traced his ancestry through the old. He had a son named Robert and Father heard Alexander. Then as heard Alexander moved to Deane county, Ohio, married a wife and reared six children. Nothing further known.

Peter Alexander moved to Rockford county, Kentucky. He was living in 1828. He married and left a number of eminent descendants in that State some of whom were noted Judges. One Peter Alex MacQuinn Steele, 1787.

Walter Alexander married Captain William Austin, his second wife, and this became stepmother to her sister in-law. Nancy Anne Austin, wife of Robert Alexander of Campbell county. Captain Austin held a commission from the British Crown as Captain until the Revolution. He then threw his lot with the American Patriots. They left many prominent descendants.

Sarah Alexander wasn't married until she was over twenty-one. She then married Col. John Wilson of Bath County, April 5, 1786. Her brother Peter, witnessed the ceremony. "She gave her own consent, being of age."

Elizabet Alexander married Samuel Wilson, June 27, 1780. Hugh Alexander her brother was proxy.

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James born 1740, married April 5, 1801. Margaret, daughter of James, lived in his wife Hannah Alexander a daughter of Captain Archibald Alexander, brother of Robert Jr.

The Stephens and Ballou of Bath and Highland counties, Va. are

from the daughters of Robert and Ruth heard Alexander's family.

James and Margaret Lyle Alexander are my great grandparents through their daughter Martha Lyle who married Chas. Alexander Dunlap of the Old Paston near Norfolk, Va. This old found ancestor came down to me through a double line my grand mother Stirling. James heard McNeill born Feb. 5, 1811 and got his big at Poca City, Oklahoma. He is a great granddaughter of Thomas and Jean heard through their son John who married James in 1808. James, daughter of Peter and Jean, the Woods Wallace and he lives there then, James, daughter who lived at Faguet Creek on the plantation given him by his father. In his will in 1808 and called it "Faguet Plantation." James heard married Rachel Chambers, daughter of Major William and Nancy (Jones) Dunlap, grandfather Sabina McNeill says, was her real name) Warlock Galloway widow of William Galloway and daughter of Captain Jacob Warlock.

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Lieut. John Jordan Beard.

It becomes our mournful duty to record the death of a widely-known and much esteemed citizen, John Jordan Beard, Huntersville, West Virginia. This event occurred rather unexpectedly, Monday, 11 1/2 a. m., April 11th, 1898.

Lieut. Beard was the only son of the late Joseph Beard and Mrs. Mattie Beard, near Hillsboro. He was born in Greenbrier County, April 21st, 1835, and was married to Minerva, daughter of James Edmiston, Esq., September 1856. At the time of his death he was within ten days of being 63 years of age. By this event his attached family is bereaved of a kind tender husband and a very affectionate and indulgent father. The community at large honors his memory as that of a good man, whose influence has been for intelligence and good morals.

In the war between the States he served in the 10th Squadron, and made a record as a gallant and distinguished soldier. Late in the war he received a frightful wound that came near ending his life at the time. He survived to the surprise of every person familiar with his nature. For more than thirty years this wound has been a great personal affliction, and it is believed hastened the termination of his useful life. He has been a resident of Huntersville about 21 years. During this time he served the county two terms as clerk of both courts.

Early in life he professed piety, and maintained a conscientious habit, as such in the pole of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was loyal and faithful to his community

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He is survived by his wife and two sons, Harry and Fred. Beard. Being as Lieut. Beard was a person of ardent social and domestic impulses, as a matter of course it was natural for him to think of the sundering of sweet home lies, yet in his sincere way he assured his loved ones that they should not grieve too much about him, for all was and would be well with him.

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James and Margaret Lyke Alexander are my great grandparents thru their daughter Martha Pauline who married Charles Alexander, Dundas of the Cliff Pasture near Douthett, Va. This old Beard ancestor came down to me through a double line my grand-mother Sabina Janett Beard McNeel born Feb. 8, 1844 and yet living at Ponca City, Oklahoma is a great granddaughter of Thomas and Jean Beard through their son John who married January 16, 1789, Janett, daughter of Peter and Mary the Woods. Wallace and in turn thru their son, Josiah Beard who lived at Laurel Creek on the plantation given him by his father, in his will in 1806 and called it "Lowest Plantation." Josiah Beard married Rachel Cameron, daughter of Major William and Nancy (Agnes Dunlap, grandmother Sabina McNeel says, was her real name) Warwick Gatewood widow of William Gatewood and daughter of Captain Jacob Warwick.

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Jane or Jean Beard, the two first names seem to be used interchangeably—married George Weir and we find him deceased by August 8, 1781, probably he lost his life at Guilford Court House or some other battle of that terrible year of the Revolution. He lived in Rockbridge and it was from that vicinity so many went and did lose their lives.

A son Thomas Weir survived and it seems others though no names are given.

It seems one James Young had bought a piece of land from the Eakins heirs, before one of them was of age. In this suit this heir is trying to recover his rights in this property from George Weir's heirs viz: Jane, the widow and Thomas her son. The Eakins Andrew and James who originally sold the property are dead; George Weir lives on the French Broad in Tenn.

In this suit William Alexander, son of Robert testifies: "I heard my Grandfather Thomas Beard say in 1759," unfortunately Chaikley doesn't tell what it was, William's grand father said.

In a suit in Dec. 1800, William Beard testifies he had married Mary or Polly Steele, daughter of Samuel Steele. The Steeles were then living in West Tennessee and in Kentucky. I suspect Peter Alexander was a brother-in-law to William Beard—as Peter had married Jenny Steele back in 1787. The Steele family were all in Kentucky and Tennessee. William Beard deposes in a suit in June 1806 that he was 74 or 75 years old.

James Houston was a neighbor of the Weirs as he appears often in legal affairs of theirs and he appears with Cornelius Alexander as guardian for George Weir's orphans in James Mitchell executor of Thomas Beard's will in 1769. This suit was brought to determine if Jane Beard Weir and her children had received the legacy



her by her father Thomas Beard, December 21, 1780. The arbitrators found James Mitchell had not fulfilled his duty in settling the estate and that Mitchell must pay 22 pounds on or before Jean's eldest child came of age.

In Augusta county record one Jean Weir became the wife of Cornelius Alexander on March 17, 1785. What more logical in 1780 for Cornelius to be demanding an accounting of James Mitchell.

Martha Beard, or was it. One reference says it was Elizabeth married James Mitchell before 1789. For Thomas and Martha Mitchell are given a part of Thomas Beard's estate and again he refers to Thomas Mitchell's mother. At the time Thomas Beard died it looks as if his daughter Jean was single. James Mitchell was the administrator of the estate. From this we take it James must have been quite a business man. Men of this type nearly always know how to look out for their own interests. Here is Jean married and a mother, then a widow and her part of the estate still at Mitchell's hands.

In less than a year after this marriage of Jean to Cornelius Alexander, we find him inquiring through the courts about the estate, and a settlement being agreed upon. James Houston was guardian for Jean and her children. Thomas Beard Sr. had a neighbor adjoining him in Rockbridge named John Houston in 1742. Probably the Houstons and Beards were close friends of old times. The Alexander children later married with the Houstons and Paxtons from which family Sam Houston sprang.

Hugh Beard, son of Thomas married Sarah. He died in 1807 and Sarah died in 1801; their children were Robert who married and had Mary and Sally by 1808. Ann, Jane, Alexander, Sarah. Sarah married Andrew Kennedy 1797; Esther, who married Mr. Hoffman and Thomas Beard, who was mentioned in his grandfather's will, 1769, married Sarah Jamison in 1743.

In the old deeds we find some of Thomas Beard's neighbors and his holdings in Rockbridge county, Va.

Now in 1750 Samuel Dunlap sold to James Beard 150 acres of land for 10 pounds, and to Thomas Beard 100 1/2 for 140 pounds. This was one tract.

In 1750 Thomas Beard is buying land again. This time it is 600 acres 22 1/2 in on Middle Creek near John Ramsey. In 1750 the same tract is sold by Thomas to William Beard for 100 pounds (Note that 1750 is the year James McNamee died).

William Beard's farm adjoined Thomas Beard's in 1743 and John Montgomery's and Thomas Hill's one hundred with him. We find Thomas Beard present for Pat Hays at a meeting of the society. Pat Hays' farm contained Robert Alexander's. Hays was probably a son of the David Hays mentioned in 1743 to James McNamee.

On August 18, 1767, James McClure's will proved two of the witnesses had died, William Beard and William McClure. This must have been a relative of Thomas Beard. This McClure family later married with the Alexanders. Old Captain Archibald Alexander's second wife was Jane McClure, 1757.

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levy in 1764. "Very aged".

In the will 1760, Thomas Beard speaks of his daughter, wife of Robert Ramsey as if she had died. One Robert Ramsey was killed by the Shawnees in 1759. His will was probated November 24, 1759, Robert Hall, administrator. Later on there is a note Isabelle Hall, wife of Robert, qualifies as administratrix of her late husband Robert Ramsey. This name Isabella doesn't sound familiar. On May 15, 1769, Thomas Beard's will was probated, a lengthy preamble as was customary then the bequests.

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Then a daughter Fane and a daughter Jane were mentioned.

Again his mind goes back to the faithful old wife he wants her to have his elbow chair and a certain negro boy.

He left cleared land to his son Hugh, and Hugh's son Thomas was left 170 acres lying next to John Montgomery and Thomas Hill. Then he left 10 pounds each to the grandsons named Thomas—Thomas Alexander and Thomas Dunlap. To Robert Ramsey's children, testator's grandchildren, 12 pounds and 12 shillings each. A legacy to son William and to daughter Esther Alexander and Martha Mitchell; frequent provision for such issue in case daughter Jane have no issue.

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Thomas and Jean Beard, deeded to their son "John 100 acres of land on Catheys Creek, some times called Jennings Branch," on May 20, 1769. It cornered with David McNairy. This was delivered to John Beard in January, 1769. I just wonder if May 20, 1769, could have been John Beard's twenty-first birthday, as he didn't accept this gift until his marriage, January 18, 1769.

In 1762-3, John Beard and William McClanahan were partners, making a crop on Locust Creek. Was the Spring Lake or Spring Creek plantation. This might have been in Greenbrier at the old Beard homestead.

The Preston and Virginia Papers compiled by the University of Wisconsin say that John Beard was a captain under Col. Christian at Point Pleasant. Greenbrier was then embraced in Botetourt County. From the same source, I learn that Sumner Beard furnished bees for the Cherokee expedition in 1776.

John Beard married Janet Wallace daughter of Peter Wallace, Jr., and Martha Woods Wallace. She was niece of the distinguished statesman James Woods of Virginia. In hunting out the Wallace kin, I came to the name of George Seidon Wallace as author of "Peter Wallace's Genealogy." I coveted the book, if it was about my own family, but the catalog did not say what place these Wallaces were from. By a strange coincidence, I came upon the name of the author in The Times as a friend of that friendly, beloved man, Andrew Price. I wrote Maj. Wallace at Huntington and asked him if he had written this book, as if he had, did he know that Andrew Price was a descendant of one Jan Wallace? He wrote, thanking me for the information. He sent a book to Cousin Andrew. Shortly afterwards these fine articles on the Wallace kin appeared in the Times. And then only a few short months and our beloved cousin was with us no more. He has left something of himself in those printed pages and in memory we treasure.

The will book of Rockbridge County record something of these old Wallaces. Andrew Wallace's will was filed July 3, 1781; he was the ancestor of General Lew Wallace. His bequests to his sisters Janet and Sarah; his grandson Andrew; mother, Martha; brother Adam and 1 brother-in-law, John Gilmer.

Dr. Archibald Alexander, President of Princeton Theological Seminary, recounts in a story he kept in early life some of the interesting happenings of his childhood. He was born on the South Branch in Rockbridge in 1772. His father was William Alexander, eldest son of Captain Archibald Alexander, brother of Robert, of Timber Ridge. He tells of the school room of Revolutionary days. He says his father had erected a cabin down near the creek about a half mile from the house, and the sound of the student studying out loud could be easily heard to the house. This was the custom of that day. If a student was caught in silence he was thrashed with a hickory switch well laid on. This method encouraged each student to shout his lesson out loud while studying so that the teacher could see his diligence.

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### CCC Anniversary 4-3-42

Durbin...The eighth anniversary of the Citizens Conservation Corps was marked in grand style on the afternoon of March 30 at Camp Thornwood. A large crowd attended. The master of ceremonies was Dr. George F. Hull, the camp physician. Addresses were made by Governor Kump, Judge Harbert, of Clarksburg, and others. The Marlinton Quartet sang and the Marlinton High School Band played sweet music. A good lunch was served to all, and in the evening moving pictures and illustrated lectures on soil conservation was given.

More than one half, 106, of the boys in Camp Thornwood have come from Clarksburg. There were many parents present Sunday. Judge Harbert has been a member of the advisory board for Harrison county for eight years, and in that time has assisted in inducing into CCC service around twenty-five hundred young men. Mrs. Williams, head of the Harrison County Relief Board, was present at the Thornwood celebration.

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A son Thomas Weir survived and it seems others though no names are given.

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James Houston was a neighbor of the Weirs as he appears often in legal affairs of theirs and he appears with Cornelius Alexander as guardian for George Weir's orphans vs James Mitchel executor of Thomas Beard's will in 1769. This suit was brought to determine if Jean Beard Weir and her children had received the legacy

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In 1753 Thomas Beard is buying land again. This time it is 605 acres 33 p 5s on Mofetts Creek near John Rosemans. In 1860 the same tract is sold by Thomas to William Beard for 100 pounds (Note that 1753 is the year James McNutt died).

William Pollack's farm adjoined Thomas Beard's in 1765 and John Montgomery's and Thomas Hill's cornered with him. We find Thomas Beard present for Pat Hays at a meeting of the vestry. Pat Hays' farm cornered Robert Alexander's. Hays was probably a son of the David Hays mentioned in 1753 in James McNutt's will.

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In the will 1769, Thomas Beard speaks of his daughter, wife of Robert Ramsey as if she had died. One Robert Ramsey was killed by the Shawnees in 1759. His will was probated November 21, 1759, Robert Hall, administrator. Later on there is a note Isabelle Hall, wife of Robert, qualifies as administratrix of her late husband Robert Ramsey. This name Isabella doesn't sound familiar

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He left cleared land to his son Hugh, and Hugh's son Thomas was left 170 acres lying next to John Montgomery and Thomas Hill. Then he left 10 pounds each to the grandsons named Thomas—Thomas Alexander and Thomas Dunlap. To Robert Ramsey's children, testator's grandchildren, 12 pounds and 12 shillings each. A legacy to son William and to daughter Esther Alexander and Martha Mitchell; frequent provision for such issue in case daughter Jane have no issue.

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Thomas and Jean Beard deeded to their son "John, 183 acres of land on Catheys Creek, some times called Jennings Branch," on May 20, 1765. It cornered with David McNaire. This was delivered to John Beard in January, 1769. I just wonder if May 20, 1765, could have been John Beard's twenty-first birthday, as he didn't accept this gift until his marriage, January 16, 1769.

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The Preston and Virginia Papers, compiled by the University of Wisconsin say that John Beard was a captain under Col. Christian at Point Pleasant. Greenbrier was then embraced in Botetourte County. From the same source, I learn that Samuel Beard furnished beeves for the Cherokee expedition in 1776.

John Beard married Janett Wallace, daughter of Peter Wallace, Jr., and Martha Woods Wallace. She was neice of the distinguished statesman James Woods of Virginia. In hunting out the Wallace kin, I came on the name of George Seldon Wallace as author of "Peter Wallace's Genealogy." I coveted the book, if it was about my own family, but the catalog did not say what place these Wallaces were from. By a strange coincidence, I came upon the name of the author in 'The Times' as a friend of that friendly historian.

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Wallace at Huntington and asked  
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if he had, did he know that Andrew  
Price was a descendant of one Jan  
Wallace? He wrote, thanking me  
for the information. He sent a book  
to Cousin Andrew. Shortly afterwards  
those fine articles on the Wallace  
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Times. And then only a few short  
months and our beloved cousin was  
with us no more. He has left something  
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pages and in memory we treasure.

The will book of Rockbridge County  
record something of these old Wallace  
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Dr. Archibald Alexander, President of Princeton Theological Seminary, recounts in a diary he kept in early life some interesting happenings of his childhood. He was born on the South Branch in Rockbridge in 1772. His father was William Alexander, eldest son of Captain Archibald Alexander, brother of Robert, of Timber Ridge. He tells of the school room of Revolutionary days. He says his father had erected a cabin down near the creek about a half mile from the house, and the sound of the students studying out loud could be easily heard to the house. This was the custom of that day. If a student was caught in silence he was thrashed with a hickory switch well laid on. This method encouraged each student to shout his lesson out loud while studying so that the teacher could see his diligence.

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"Reardon, our servant, was in Captain Wallace's company, and being a small man, he was soon cut down—severely wounded but still conscious. After the battle he lay helpless and bleeding among the dead. When night came, the moon shone and Reardon saw a man passing near him, like some arch fiend, dispatching with his bayonet all who showed signs of life. Presently the fiend came toward Reardon, raised his musket, pointed the bayonet to kill. Then Reardon

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### Lieut. John Jordan Beard.

It becomes our mournful duty to record the death of a widely-known and much esteemed citizen, John Jordan Beard, Huntersville, West Virginia. This event occurred rather unexpectedly. Monday, 11½ a. m., April 11th, 1898.

Lieut. Beard was the only son of the late Joseph Beard, Esq., and Mrs Mattie Beard, near Hillsboro. He was born in Greenbrier County, April 21st, 1835, and was married to Minerva, daughter of James Edmiston, Esq., September 1866. At the time of his death he was within ten days of being 63 years of age. By this event his attached family is bereaved of a kind tender husband and a very affectionate and indulgent father. The community at large honors his memory as that of a good man whose influence has been for intelligence and good morals.

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Early in life he professed piety, and maintained a consistent character as such in the pale of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was loyal and faithful to his community

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He is survived by his wife and two sons, Harry and Fred. Beard.

Being as Lieut. Beard was, a person of ardent social and domestic impulses, as a matter of course

it was not for him to think of the sundering of sweet home ties, yet in his sincere way he assured his loved ones that they should not grieve too much about him, for all was and would be well with him.

A month or so since we had a pleasant interchange of views concerning the 23d Psalm. In this Psalm it appears that nothing but the shadow would touch those following the Lord our Shepherd when it comes to passing through the Valley. Having been a soldier and familiar with scenes in the presence of the enemy, that at such a time down at a prepared foe one of the last things that would be lit



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In the course of years the bank was worn away and the dwelling was about to be undermined.

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Her tortures were excruciating and yet strange to say she got well, contrary to the doctor's expectations.

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James McClure is survived by numerous industrious sons and daughters whose families are growing up in Virginia, West Virginia and Indiana.

Such are a few of the reminiscences pertinent to my recent visit to the hospitable well furnished home of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Kee at the original Kee homestead. For a hundred years this has been a Kee home, and for all these years has been a place where travellers and acquaintances would be generously received and kindly entertained.

It aroused my sympathies to find my friend from his boyhood in such infirm health. But he re-